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SUBJECT: SWEDEN SENDS MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO NIGERIA FOR TALKS
ON FUEL SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTS

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1. ON AUGUST 15, THE SWEDISH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ANNOUNCED THAT A SWEDISH DELEGATION HEADED BY INDUSTRY MINISTER OLOF JOHANSSON WILL BE VISITING NIGERIA FROM AUGUST 15 THROUGH AUGUST 20 FOR TALKS WITH THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL PRIMARILY BE CONCERNED WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUPPLY OF OIL, GAS AND COAL, AND TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

2. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ENERGY MINISTER JOHANSSON WILL BE VISITING AN OPEC COUNTRY. IN LAGOS, THE SWEDISH ENERGY MINISTER WILL BE
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MEETING WITH NIGERIAL OIL MINISTER MOHAMMED BUHARI AND OTHER NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MINISTER JOHANSSON WILL REPORTEDLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS UNDER SECRETARY GUNNAR SODER, AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF HIS MINISTRY, AND OFFICIALS OF THE SWEDISH MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. IT IS NOTED THAT EARLY IN 1976, CARL LIDBOM, SWEDEN'S COMMERCE MINISTER IN THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, VISITED NIGERIA FOR TALKS ON SWEDISH ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING NIGERIA'S ELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES. THAT VISIT WAS FOLLOWED IN OCTOBER 1976 BY STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER, SWEDISH COMMERCE MINISTER IN THE PRESENT NON-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, AND BY A VISIT OF SWEDEN'S PRESENT FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER DURING JUNE 1977.

4. SWEDEN IS SAID TO BE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA. THE SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS ATLAS COPCO AND VOLVO ARE PRESENTLY THE LARGEST SWEDISH EXPORTERS TO NIGERIA. OTHER SWEDISH COMPANIES THAT ARE SAID TO BE GAINING A Foothold IN THAT AREA INCLUDE SKANSKA CEMENTGJUTERIET, ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY, ALFA LAVAL, AND SAAB-SCANIA, THE AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER. SKANSKA CEMENTGJUTERIET HOPES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPANSION OF THE RAILWAY NETWORK IN NIGERIA.
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